

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

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### **PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY PARTICIPATES IN RIDE-ALONG WITH PARENTS FOR MEGAN'S LAW**



Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory participates in a ride-along with members of Parents for Megan's Law.

Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory recently visited Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center in Stony Brook for a tour of their facility and to participate in a ride-along with members of their sex offender management team on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

"I want to thank Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center for inviting me to get a first-hand look at all the work they do to help protect the residents of our county," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "The experience reaffirmed for me the impact this program has in ensuring that potentially harmful individuals are following every aspect of the law."

In March 2013, Suffolk County turned over the task of verifying the addresses of the county's sex offenders to Parents for Megan's Law under the county's Community Protection Act. The agency employs retired law enforcement officers who travel to all corners of the county in morning and evening shifts to verify addresses of offenders.

"I applaud Presiding Officer Gregory for his unwavering commitment to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe through prevention education and sex offender management," said Laura Ahearn, Executive

Director of Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center. "Presiding Officer Gregory took time out of his very busy schedule to personally observe agency operations and programs, work with agency staff, and offer valuable insight into the challenges facing our communities."

In addition to their sex offender management team, the agency provides crime victim services to child and adult victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and all victims of violent crime. Prevention educators work with public and private schools, community organizations and houses of worship to provide sexual abuse prevention programs for children, teens and adults.

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